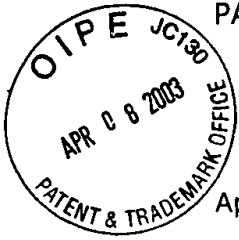


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Applicant: Rizzotto et al. : Art Unit: 1731
Serial No.: 09/827,686 : Examiner: D. A. Walls
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated **December 6, 2002**, please
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CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and ~~19~~-21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4-6, 9, 18, 22-23 and 26 as follows.

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- 1 1. (Amended) A chewable flavor delivery system comprising in
2 combination:
3 a carrier consisting of an edible cellulosic plant material being 100%
4 cabbage leaves prepared by one of, forming into strands or in granular form dried
5 to a moisture content of at or below 8% by weight, said cabbage leaves having at
6 least 30% intact cell walls;
7 a water soluble but not water containing flavoring ingredient in liquid
8 form and capable of entering intact cell walls of said cabbage leaves; and
9 an effective amount of a food safe humectant.
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